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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1797

Introduced by Assembly Member Bock
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aroner, Bates, Longville,
and Pescetti)
(Coauthors: Senators Figueroa, Perata, and Rainey)

January 27, 2000

An act to amend Sections 102405 and 102415 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to vital statistics.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1797, as amended, Bock. Vital records: alternative birth center.

Existing law requires that each live birth be registered with the local registrar of live births and deaths for the district in which the birth occurred. Existing law authorizes the administrator of a hospital to sign and register the birth certificate if the attending physician and surgeon, certified nurse midwife, or principal attendant is not available.

This bill also would authorize the administrator of ~~an~~ a state-licensed alternative birth center to sign and register live births under this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 102405 of the Health and Safety
2 Code is amended to read:

3 102405. For live births that occur in a hospital, or ~~an~~
4 *a state-licensed* alternative birth center, as defined in
5 paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 1204, the
6 administrator of the hospital or center or a representative
7 designated by the administrator in writing may sign the
8 birth certificate certifying the fact of birth instead of the
9 attending physician and surgeon, certified nurse
10 midwife, or principal attendant if the physician and
11 surgeon, certified nurse midwife, or principal attendant
12 is not available to sign the certificate; and shall be
13 responsible for registering the certificate with the local
14 registrar within the time specified in Section 102400.

15 SEC. 2. Section 102415 of the Health and Safety Code
16 is amended to read:

17 102415. For live births that occur outside of a hospital,
18 or outside~~—an~~ *of a state-licensed* alternative birth center,
19 as defined in paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section
20 1204, the physician in attendance at the birth; or in the
21 absence of a physician, either one of the parents shall be
22 responsible for entering the information on the
23 certificate, securing the required signatures, and
24 registering the certificate with the local registrar.

